U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number. Substitute for form 1449A/PTO Complete if Known **Application Number** 10/814,559 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE Filing Date March 30, 2004 STATEMENT BY APPLICANT First Named Inventor Jeffrey G. Gibson. Art Unit 3682 (use as many sheets as necessary) Examiner Name Johnson, Matthew A. Sheet 011361.00089 οf Attorney Docket Number

	U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant		
Initials *		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
		US 6,655,199 B1	12/02/2003	Smith	Claims 1 - 4, 6 - 20 and 22 - 24		
		US 6,633,157 B1	10/14/2003	Yamaki et al.	Claims 5 and 21 Column 2, lines 62 - 67		
		US 4,970,486	11/13/1990	Gray et al.	Claims 1 - 24		
		US 4,888,997	12/26/1989	Eckert et al.	Claims 1 - 24		
		-					
	1						
		•					
	<u> </u>			ļ.,,			
	i i						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Francisco	Cite	Foreign Patent Document	D. 1.11	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	-
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY			T⁵
				• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	
l "		

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO	Complete if Known		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	Application Number	10/814,559	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	Filing Date	March 30, 2004	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	First Named Inventor	Jeffrey G. Gibson	
	Group Art Unit	3682	
(use as many sheets as necessary)	Examiner Name	Johnson, Matthew A.	
Sheet 2 of 2	Attorney Docket Number	011361.00089	

		OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials *	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
	-	International Search Report for PCT/US05/10303	
			-
Examiner		Date	

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application from to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.